In addition, a sum of Rs.1.00 crore was provided to the foundation as grant-in-aid in 2004-2005.

Interest earned on the amount in the corpus fund is utilized by the Foundation for implementing educational schemes run by it.

New welfare programme for minorities

1604 . SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's new welfare programme for minorities aims for improving the living conditions of minorities and also provides an appropriate share in infrastructure development schemes;

(b) if so, how much of the total fund meant for development schemes is earmarked for the welfare of minorities;

(c) whether any financial outlay has been sanctioned for development of Muslims in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities, announced in June, 2006, provides for enhancing opportunities for education, equitable share in economic activities and employment, improving the conditions of living of minorities and, wherever possible, earmarking of 15% for the minorities, of the physical targets and financial outlays under schemes considered amenable to earmarking. For 2007-08 an amount of Rs. 102466.07 lakhs have been so earmarked for the minorities.

(c) to (e) The earmarking of the funds for the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities is for the minorities, including Muslims. For 2007-08 an amount of Rs. 1456.26 lakhs have been earmarked for minorities, including Muslims, in Andhra Pradesh under various schemes considered amenable to earmarking.

Population of minorities

1605. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of the minorities in the country, as per the 2001 census, State-wise;

(b) the population of the minorities as on the 31st December, 2006;

(c) the ratio of male/female child among Muslims; and

(d) the details of various programmes prepared by Government for socio-educational upliftment of Muslims?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) As per census 2001 report, total population of minorities notified under section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 is 189,508,794. State-wise details of minority population are enclosed.

(b) The data as on 31st December, 2006 is not available.

(c) The ratio of females per 1000 males in the age group of 0-6 years among Muslims is 950.

(d) The schemes and programmes implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, for the welfare of minorities, including Muslims, are the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for Welfare of Minorities, merit cum means based scholarship scheme for technical and professional courses, free coaching and allied scheme and the schemes implemented by organizations under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, *viz.* Maulana Azad Education Foundation, National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation and Central Wakf Council. The details are available in the Ministry's website.*www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.* .

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State-wise population of minorities in the country

Sl. No.	India/States/Union territories	Minority Population
1	2	3
	India	189,508,794
1	Lakshadweep	58,419
2	Jammu and Kashmir	7,134,480
3	Assam	9,300,748
4	West Bengal	21,065,448
5	Kerala	13,926,058
6	Uttar Pradesh	31,932,826
7	Bihar	13,814,783
8	Jharkhand	4,913,988
9	Karnataka	7,880,917
10	Uttaranchal	1,263,716
11	Delhi	2,333,146
12	Maharashtra	17,382,845
13	Andhra Pradesh	8,231,808
14	Gujarat	4,940,362
15	Manipur (Excl. 3 Sub-divisions)	932,096

1	2	3
16	Rajasthan	5,689,642
17	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	108,451
18	Tripura	457,035
19	Daman and Diu	15,914
20	Goa	453,397
21	Madhya Pradesh	4,371,924
22	Pondicherry	127,227
23	Haryana	2,427,903
24	Meghalaya	1,735,968
25	Chandigarh	189,682
26	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	13,162
27	Orissa	1,687,201
28	Himachal Pradesh	275,413
29	Chhattisgarh	945,538
30	Arunachal Pradesh	371,116
31	Nagaland	1,827,862
32	Punjab	15,308,719
33	Tamil Nadu	7,270,645
34	Sikkim	197,026
35	Mizoram	853,728

Note: The State-wise minority population does not include population of Parsis

Development of muslims

1606. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have selected 90 districts, with large Muslim population, for educational and economic development;

(b) the steps being taken in this regard in these districts for their betterment; and

(c) the criteria adopted for selecting these districts?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) 90 minority concentration districts have been identified on the basis of census 2001 data relating to minority population and the relative backwardness of these districts *vis-a-vis* the national average in terms of socio-economic and basic